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City of Tigard, Public Works  
City Council Members

SUPPLEMENTAL PACKET  
FOR 3/26/2013  
(DATE OF MEETING)

*Council Liaison  
Reports - Item 5*

Dear Tigard City Council:

The recent acquisition of the 2.9 acre property located south of Highway 217 on Greenburg Road affords the city of Tigard the opportunity to honor the man who lived on this land for over 60 years. The purpose of this letter is to request that this future neighborhood park be named appropriately after John Peter Bagan.

John Peter Bagan was born August 19<sup>th</sup>, 1924 and passed away on August 10<sup>th</sup>, 2006. John served in the United States Army during World War II. He lost his leg in France during the war and was awarded a Purple Heart for his service and sacrifice. His prosthetic leg was a fascination to the children of family and friends, who would often give a quick "knock" to his leg to rediscover which was one was real and which one was not.

Mr. Bagan purchased the property at 10910 S.W. Greenburg Road in 1946 and lived there until his death in 2006. In the early years, Mr. Bagan tended to his father who lived with him on the property. His father, John Peter Bagan was a veteran of World War I.

On the Greenburg Road property, John raised golden and ring neck pheasants. He was also granted a federal permit to raise Canadian geese. The goats on the property were his "lawn mowers" in his later life and were only part of the menagerie of animals that lived on the property at various times in those 60 years. John's collection of animals included exotic birds, ducks, geese, catfish, chickens, rabbits, crawfish, sheep, cats, and goats. The assortment of animals found on the property and in John's pond provided enjoyment and memories for the children of John's family and friends.

John Peter Bagan is buried next to his father at St. Anthony's Cemetery on Gaarde Street.

John Bagan lived for 60 years at what is now slated to become a city park. He was one of the oldest residents of Tigard and Greenburg Road, but more importantly, he was also a memorable character, cherished by those who knew him. Honoring his memory by naming this park after him only seems appropriate.

Sincerely,

Edward Heintz

Former resident of 11070 S.W. Greenburg Road and John Bagan's friend and neighbor